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Happiness can live with sadness when it is the greater of the two.—Marion Crawford.

Defeat No. 1.

At a meeting of the Council last night, the Finance Committee reported an ordinance providing for the erection of a municipal electrical plant. As soon as the ordinance was read a communication from the Passenger and Power Company was submitted, offering to supply the city with electrical power for lighting and pumping purposes at a cost as low as the city could manufacture it at its own plant, said cost to be ascertained by three disinterested experts, and the contract to run for any number of years up to ten, with suitable bond for faithful sperformance of the same.

refer the ordinance and the Passenger and Power Company's offer jointly to the Committees on Water, Light and Electricity, but before any discussion could be d on the merits of the offer, a substitute motion to table the Passenger and Power Company's offer prevailed. The ordinance then came upon its passage. but when its friends discovered that they could not poll a constitutional majority, they had the whole subject postponed unthe next regular meeting.

There is but one conclusion, and that is that the friends of this movement want a municipal plant whether or not. But what do the tax-payers of Richmond think of it? Are they willing that the city go into debt to erect a plant of company with ample facilities sands ready to enter into a contract to furnish all necessary electrical power at precisely what it would cost the city to make it' Would any business man hesitate a moment between the two proposals in his

figures are wrong or right; the terms of the offer are not altered. The city has a rare opportunity to drive a bargain with the Passenger and Power Company, and if the tax-payers are alive to their own interests they will be at pains to see that the most is made of it.

Join the Procession.

If the News Leader had in the past consistently furthered the cause of Greater Richmond, possibly it would not now be so wholly estranged from the motives and services of the Chamber of Commerce as to permit itself to adopt the caviling and deristve attitude which has characterized its entire dealings with the oppositionato, the Forbes slaughterhouse. Possibly it would have perceived the impropriety of suggesting, even in the bitterness of defeat, that it was now incumbent upon citizens who opposed the erection of a hog-killing establishment in the heart of Richmond's business district to come forward with contributions toward a cologne fac-

When the fight for Greater Richmond was being made the News Leader stood aloof and contented itself with saying that half a loaf was better than no bread. Already the folly of leaving out the triangular strip between Broad Street, the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and the Roseneath Road is apparent. But this error was forced on Richmond with no dissenting voice from our theoretically progressive contemporary.

As to the News Leader's proposal to head a subscription list for the purpose of advancing Richmond's progress, The Times-Dispatch will merely state that it has already spent \$4,000 of its own money during the past year in advertising Richmond in the leading periodicals of America; and that, to speak more personally, members of this paper's staff have individually contributed to the Chamber of Commerce's campaign several times the amount named by our pessimistic contemporary. The News Leader's proposal is therefore a trifle

belated. Chamber of Commerce, The Times-Dispatch and progressive citizens generally, desire all the assistance in promoting the city's interests which can be mustered. If the News Leader is really serious in it. protestations of anxiety to aid this cause. let it now cease sulking over the course of recent events, and fall in with the procession.

The V. M. I. Outbreak.

Insubordination has again broken out at the Virginia Military Institute. members of the third class, in open defiance of the rules, ascended to the roof of Smith Memorial Hall and set off a large quantity of fireworks which they

rank insubordination and rebellion, the offense was as grave as any that could have been committed, short of actual crime, in a military institution. Our Lexington correspondent recalls that in 1899 the first class was guilty of a similar breach, and was suspended by General Shipp. But the beard reinstated the offenders a month later. That was a bid to other cadets to have their fun at the expense of discipline. The very existence of a good military school is involved in its discipline, and no compromise should be made with rebellion. In all such case the punishment should be severe, and by all means it should be sure. Suspension is no adequate punishment, if the lads are to be taken back and forgiven in a few days. That sort of dillydallying makes heroes of the delinquents and sets a pro-

Our Value of Human Life.

The record of the Chicago Tribune show that during the year 1906 there were 0.350 nurders and homicides in the United States, against 9,212 in 1005. These vio-

Strikes Outrage

The legal executions in 1906 were 123, as compared with 123 in 1966. Classified follows: Alabama, 5; Arkansas, 6; California, 3; Georgia, 10; Idaho, 2; Illinois, 5; Iowa, 2; Kentucky, 8; Louisiana, 8; Maryland, 4; Massachusetts, 2; Mississippl, 10; Missouri, 5; Montana, 1; Nevada, 2; New Jersey, 8: North Carolina, 1; Ohio, 1; Pennsylvania, 6; South Carolina, 7; Teniessee, 4; Texas, 9; Virginia, 6; Washingon, 2; District of Columbia, 2; New Mexco, 3; Indian Territory, 1. There were 25 hanged in the North and 88 in the South, and of these 45 were whites, 76 negroes, and 2 Indians. The crimes for which they were executed were: Murder, 114; outrage, S: murder and outrage, 1.

that in many instances the American public show far more concern for the life of a murderer than the murderer shows for the life of his victim. In violation of the law of God and man a human being is stain, but in the majority of cases when the murderer is brought to trial strenuous effort is made by his friends to save his life, and it would appear sometimes that the law was made to protect rather than to punish murderers.

These statistics make a pitiful exhibit for American civilization. In two years 18,562 homicides were committed, yet there were only 246 legal executions. It is true that some of the murders committed in 1906, and possibly a few in 1905, have not yet been brought to trial, but, in any event, the exhibit is poor enough, and it is worse when the destruction of life by callroad accidents and other accidents, due in great part to criminal negligence, are zation is measured in great part by the value put upon human life by the general public, and we cannot claim to have attained to the highest civilization, so long as the death rate from homicide and accident is so enormously high as the records

Death of Judge Fulton.

Confederate veterans have lost a gallant comrade, the bar a distinguished member, and the State a loval and useful citizen in the death of Judge John H. Fulton.

"Within the memory of the writer." "Within the memory of the writer," says a Wytheville correspondent, "none who ever lived in this section stood higher in the esteem and confidence of those among whom he was born, reared and died than the deceased. He was true to every trust, that of counselor, soldier, husband and father." "It is after death that we measure

men." and the measure of every man is to be taken not so much by the public estimate of him, as by that of his neighbors who have seen and noted him day after day and year after year in his prilife. The eulogy which the Wyth villa correspondent has pronounced in these simple words is more eloquent than any stilted oration or pretentious obltuary Judga Fulton was most highly esteemed by those who knew him best. Virginia is proud to have borne and reared such a son, and all Virginians mourn his taking

Justice Gaynor's Plan.

Supreme Court Justice William J Claynor made a significant speech in New York City on Sunday afternoon. Referring to the proposal of Mr. William J. Bryan that the government take ove all the railroads on the ground that they are private monopolles, and that such private monopolies should not be allowed to exist, Judge Gaynor said:

"He is right about that, for we all abhor private monopolies, but railroads are not private monopolles. are not private monopolles. They are public highways, under control of the government, and the government car control them.

control them.

"The government needs to do nothing at all but appoint the general freight agent of every railroad, and he and he alone can see to it that no one gets his freight shipped cheaper than another, and thus put an end to this discrimination, which means the aggrandizement of a few and the destroying of the pages of the control of the contr many others."

Judge Gaynor's view is the more important because he has been prominently mentioned as Democratic nominee for the presidency, and it appears that he is easting about for a substitute for Mr. Bryan's government ownership scheme. And he is quite right in saying that i would be an effective substitute, "Let me write the freight and passenger rates of every railroad, and I care not who owns the stock."

Mr. Keiley Retires.

had smuggled into barracks. When ordered to desist, they paid no attention, and even when the long roll was beaten, they refused to respond.

There was no harm, per ss, in setting off freworks and having a New Year politication. But when this was done in page 14.

at the beginning of the work here cherish the pleasantest recollections of his unvarying courtesy, and hold an exalted opinion of his literary ability.

The literature, historic and otherwise, that forms a part of the documents of the exposition, bear splendid testimony to the diligence of his service and the excellence of his literary style.

Mr. Kelley leaves to engage in business on his own account, and the best wishes of a host of friends follow him in his new fields of labor.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

Mr. Kelley is by inheritance a member of the newspaper fraternity, and he is by common consent an honorary member, no matter what his avocation may be While connected with the Jamestown Exposition Company he endeared himself to the craft, and all newspaper men in Virginia sincerely regret his retirement.

Tails and Almshouses.

The blennial report of Dr. Shirley Bragg, president of the State Board of Convict Inspectors of Alabama, has caused a sensation in that State, "If the countles wish to kill their convicts," says Dr. Bragg, "they should do it directly and not indirectly." Proceeding to speak of the jails, he says that they reek with filth, vermin and disease, and in many of them men and women remain for months without the means even of washing their hands and faces. "It would be more humane, and far better," he concludes, "to stake the prisoners out with rings around their necks like wild animals than to confine them in places called jails, which are nurseries of death. To see a man strong and healthy, go to jail in Alabama and in a few months come out a physical and mental wreck, with death staring him in the face, is not an overdrawn picture." Summing it all up, he declares that humanity would be best served if every fail in Alabama were burned to the ground.

Mention has already been made in these cey, of the same State, Superintendent of "Hospitals for the Insane, on the county almshouses. "From what I know myseit almshouses. "From what I know myseit almshouses." columns of the report of Dr. J. D. Searof the county care of dependent paupers," said Dr. Searcey, "I believe a sensational report would be made by a State inspecting officer."

Is it fair to presume that the jails and almshouses in Virginia are better than those in Alabama? It is certainly fair to presume that they are not by any means what they should be, and The Times-Dispatch again urges that the whole sys tem of jails and almshouses be thoroughly inspected.

Only the other day our Amelia corres pondent said that the jail of that county was in bad condition, and that a dozen prisoners were confined on the upper floor in quarters too close for them.

The State has the right to arrest and confine persons accused or convicted of crime, and it is necessary that almshouses be maintained for the support o paupers, but the State has no right to torture its criminals, or to confine them in such a way as to destroy their health and when it undertakes to care for the poor, it is its bounden duty to see that they are treated with common humanity

The Christmas season is gone and w to about our business as though it were buried a half year in the past. Have we already forgotten the Christmas cheer, the spirit of the generosity which took possession of us, the sweet sentimental revival and the tender grace of the oc casion? Alas, and alackday! If only we would cultivate the spirit of Christmas in all seasons, it only we would be as generous and as gentle and as considerate of others all the year through, there would be Christmas cheer every

championed and defended Senator Bailey, says that "the acrimonious campaign which his enemies have waged against now entirely collapsed, and nothing is better understood than that the great masses of the State have utterly repudiated the conspiracles and slanders which have marked the machinations of a sorchead faction of the Democratic party."

The Light Turned On.

Now, in the clear light of the facts, what has the Atlanta riot to do with the feeling of decent Southern white men that the negro whe temperature wh party.'

Post to fight his battles.

New Year's greetings to the Fincastle Herald, which has just celebrated its forty-second birthday. The Times-Dispatch is very fond of the Herald and its genial editor, and wishes for both the best that newspaperdom can give to faithful disciples.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Berkman have been jailed for seditious utterances. Up to a late hour last night their old friend, Honry C. Frick, had not arrived to sign the ball-bond.

What we want to know is this: When the National Dairymen's Association holds its banquets, is the master of the feast known as the milk toastmaster?

Mr. Frederick Weyerhauser has so much money that he could probably be at least six Senators if his other en-gagements permitted. The national character of the Senate will undoubtedly be emphasized by the

like Guggenhelm. Hon, John F. Dryden's chances of re-election to the Senate do not appear to be, prudentially speaking, quite as "solid as Gibraltar."

addition of a few good American name

The Weyerhauser party may be "richer than Rockefeller," but it is certain that he hesn't got so many indictments. "The eggs of the '70's sold for ten

cents a dozen," says a St. Louis con-temporary. Sold, or are selling?

If you find a button in your potted ham newadays, first look and see whether it was called for on the label, We take it that ability to read and write are superfluous in an attorney who practices unwritten law.

Colonel Mann has been acquitted

Rhymes for To-Day

Whew!

(An indifferent roundelay in Weather-man Evans's favorites meter, the ther-mometer.) OTHER, you see my thermometer shows
It is 106 in the shade:

eass me some powder to put my nose— It is some burnt, I'm afraid.

I s'pose the tidings have got to be broke Mother, your happiness now has been wrecked; Pa was brought in with a frightful sun-He is done for, I suspect.

Come, ma, don't stand there like thatspry about! Do think some little of comforting me:

Run, get my gauzier vestitures out-I am too warm-can't you see? Hike to the stores and select me some

lawn, Buy me some organdles, crashes and such. Meantime I'll take off the things I have on, Which are too wooly, by much.

Buy me kimonos and palmy-leaf fans, Fly back and make me some iced lemon nde,
Make a bee-line and don't care if it scans—

I'll keep MY nose in the shade. Silly of pa to get struck by the sun! Stupid of mother to fall in a swoon. .

Jan. is so hot you can't have any fun—
My, but I wish it was June!

H. S. II.

MERELY JOKING.

A Tardy Discovery. "So you thought you would take a chance in the stock market?"
"Yes." Answered the disappointed citizen; "I thought so, I didn't know it was against the rules to allow an outsider like me to have a chance."—Washington Star.

Precisely. "What does that expert witness's evidence go to show?" inquired the man who was trying to understand the trial. "It goes to show which side has paid him a sctainer," answered the lawyer.—Washington Star.

The Difficulty. Her—"Yes, I love and I am loved," Him "Then you should be happy." Her—"I woul out for one thing." Him—"What's that? Her—"It's not the same fellow."—Clevelan

Changing the Diagnosis.

Mrs. Cutemup-"Why, you said only last week that it wouldn't be necessary for you to operate on Mr. Koyne for appendictis." Octienup- I know, but when I said that I didn't think you'd need a new fall outfit."— Brooklyn Eagle,

F-f-rightfull

dress that millonaire's wife is wearing was paid for by blood money." She (calmiy)—'Ah! That accounts for the gore in the skirt,"—Battimore American.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

RCHDUKE LEOPOLD SALVATOR has A RCHDUKE LEOPOLD SAME As used for divorce because his wife has joined a back-to-nature colony and refuses to wear anything more elaborate than two yards of burlaps. Some men would be disatisfied if it rained manns instead of New Year bills.—Louisville, Courier-Journal,

"I make it a rule," says Mr. Reckefeller always to plant more trees than I cut down." Figuratively speaking, no one will question that statement,—Boston Transcript.

King Edward is said to frequently drop asleep during the delivery of after-dinner speeches. In some respects, the business of being King has its decided advantages.—Washington Her-ald. . . .

Mr. Harriman's father was a minister, a some people will consider that that explains good deal,—Rochester Herald.

There is some risk, however, in Oregon's sending samples of its pretty girls to the East to fiduce immigration. They may not get back.—Indianapelis News.

All the gold mined in this country in the last thirty years would not buy this year farm crops. After all, the goldbug seems to be a less consequential personage than the hayseed.—Kansas City Journal.

Danville, was at Murphy's last night, being on his way to Hampton, here he will to-day attend a moeting of the State Board of Fisheries, of which he is a Remember that, while it is easy to climb up on the water-wagen, the trick consists of sinying there,—Milwaukee Sentinel. member.
Senator James took a party of friends to see Tim Murphy at the Academy last night. He will leave for Hampton this morning.

COMMENT OF VIRGINIA EDITORS. The Light Turned On.

Two former members of the House of Delegates from Lunenburg county happened to meet in Murphy's last night. They were Messrs. T. A. Overby, now a horse dealer at Blackstone, and Thomas F. Williams, a traveling salesman for the Virsinia-Carolina Chemical Company.

Mr. Overby came over to look after some private business, and Mr. Williams makes the headquarters here.

Waverly's Prosperity.

The past year has been a year of great prosperity and growth to Waverly. Industrially we have gained three \$5.00 to \$7.00 residences, six ling mill and a sjave fetory. In residences we have gained three \$5.00 to \$7.00 residences, six \$1.00 to \$7.00 residences, six \$1.00 to \$7.00 residences, six \$1.00 to \$1.000 residences, six \$1.00 to \$1.000 residences, six \$1.000

Emporia's Dispensary.

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The Emporia Dispensary completed its first six months' work on January 1st, and the report handed in to the Town Council makes a splended showing from a standpoint of revenue for the town. With profits amounting to about eleven thousand collars for elk months it can be easily seen what this will mean in the future to the town in the way of improvements. While there is practically no money on hand now for distribution to the State and town, yet the stock of goods on hand represents the profits and the next report, which will be made July 1st will show all the profits in the shape of eash and after that due there will be no lack of funds.—Emporta Messenger.

The Sentinel of Democracy.

The Democratic county newspaper is the watchman on the tower to guard the everifulng truths of Democracy. Without it the people would have no defender and the grafters and corporationists would (see a free field without even public criticism.

Democrats, hold up the hands of the country editor.—Monigomery Messenger.

Back to Virginia. Back to Virginia.

Why of course! There is no good reason that we knew of why a Southern Democrat should not be nominated and elsewing the control of the course of the co

PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Columbia University was chartered as King's College in 1754. The name was changed to Columbia College in 1754 and Columbia University in 1896.

In paying dividends on government stocks the British government takes no account of tractions of a penny. In this way it makes about \$7,000 a year out of the investors in public funds.

funds.

For rushing on to a railway track to save his daughter from being crushed beneath a freight train, a man at Dantaig, Germany, was prosecuted for trespess by the railroad authorities and thred.

A Cambridge man writes to the London Dailyn News, suggesting the formation of a mission for the exhibition of articles found in jam. He says he can contribute a used luctfor match, pink in color, recently acquired.

A Karam who was annotated tax collector by

A Korean who was appointed tax collector by ho late Minister of Yi Kuentak has determined ut of gratifude for this great favor to repute minister's summer house at considerable ex-ense.—Korea Dally Newa.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy-Tim Murphy, in "A Corner week. They will enjoy every moment of the performance. Bljou-"Fantasma."
Blostock's-Wild Animal Show.
Idlewood-Skating Rink.

Bertram Livingstone, was the best of the supporting cast. Mr. Murphy pre-sents "A Corner in Coffee" again to-. . .

At the Bijou.

Hanlon Brothers' new fantasma is on the boards at the Bijou this week, and Manager McKee will have no difficulty Manager McKee will have no difficulty in packing the house at every performance. The weird and novel attraction will appeal to young and old alike, and since it was seen here last year has been greatly improved and new features added. The audience was kept screaming last night at the surprises that sprung up at every moment. The scenic effects are bewildering, and some gorgeous stage pictures are shown, as well as several artiste tableaux. The cast has been strengthened by the addition of James E. Rome and Marguerite Ferguson, who have been seen here before in "The Prince of Pilsen." By all means let the children go to the Bijou this Saturday at the Academy.

People Seen in

"I am back in Richmond," said Clerk

Williams, of the House of Delegates, last

night, "to resume work on rearranging

and assorting the old documents in my

charge as keeper of the rolls of the

House, and I tell you it is no small job.

"I cannot begin to say how long it will take me to complete the task," continued Mr. Williams, "but I am hummering away

at it each day."

Asked as to the outlook for returning

some Democrats to the next Legislature from the Ninth District, Mr. Williams said he thought the chances very good to

increase the number chosen at the last legislative election.

He felt sure Washington, Giles, Bland

and Craig, and perhaps others, would send Democrats to the House, and he looks for an increase in the senatorial delega-

tion from his section.

Mr. Williams will probably be in the city for several weeks.

Mr. C. H. Panton, proprietor of the Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge, Va., was at the Jefferson yesterday on his way to the meeting of the State Ho-tel Men's Association at Ping Beach to-day. The meeting will be an important one, and among other business to be disposed of will be the election of offi-cers.

Judge J. O. Shepherd, of Fluvanna, and

Hon. Thomas J. Downins, of Lancaster, are among the prominent guests at Mur-phy's. They are both here on profes-sional business.

Former State Senator R. A. James, of

Two former members of the House of

Hon, Paul McRae, member of the House

Mr. A. J. Ferrandini, United States Inspector of Immigration for the port of Bellingham, Wash., is here on a visit to relatives. Mr. Ferrandini is a native of Richmond, and some years ago went West, where he has made a success. He will remain here for soveral weeks.

Mr. J. F. Kempson, business representative of the Insurance Times, of New York, is at Murphy's. Mr. Kempson is returning home from an extended Southern tour in the interest of his paper, and will leave for New York via Norfolk today.

Mr. H. Thurston Cardoza, of New York,

formerly of this city, is here, visiting rel-atives and friends.

Mr. V. L. Fowlkes, South Boston, is

Mr. F. S. Shepherd, of Fredericksburg, is registered at the Jefferson.

Postmaster at Clio.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of D. P. McLaurin to be postmaster at Clio, S. C.

THE PURE DRUG

COMMISSIONERS

makes his headquarters here.

Bostock's—Wild Animal Show.
Idlewood—Skating Rink.

Mr. Tim Murphy one of the most delightfully droll comedians on the stage, "A Corner in Coffee," at the Academy before an audience that should have been of larger proportions. The play was seen here last season, and since then it has been changed somewhat, Mr. Murphy now playing the part of Colonel Jim Johnstone, a miner from Brazil, a role in which he is more congenially cast. He was at his best last night, and the enthusiasm at the end of the second act brought him before the curtain in a humorous and thoroughly characteristic little speech. Miss Dorothy Sherrod is again his leading woman, and gave her usual clever performance. Mr. William L. Gibson, as Bertram Livingstone, was the best of the supporting cast. Mr. Murphy premally falls in love with the right man is told in three merry acts. Miss Russell-was pronounced a genuine comedienne of grace and distinction by the Philadelphia critics, and her transition to straight comedy without music has been successfully accomplished. The supporting company is of the hishest grade, and "The Butterfly" has been staged with commendable good taste. Miss Russell will be seen at the Academy to-morrow evening.

"Our New Minister."

"Our New Minister."

Denman Thompson and George W. Ryer had written their comic tale of life in Hardscrabble, N. H., called "Our New Minister." Iong before Conan Doyle won fame with his "Sherlock Holmest" stories Darlus Startle, the country detective in "Our New Minister." Is a first-rate companion piece for Sherlock in detective literature. Where Sherlock always succeeds, Darlus, the country detective of the drams, almost always fails, although he knows all the methods of finding out things. Drop a cigar stump on the high-

HECHLER CALLED Public Places

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deposited not later than the succeeddeposited not later than the succeed-ing banking day in an account that shall be specifically separated from the trensurer's private funds, which is not now done. "Third, That all disbursements shall be made by check. All of these

suggestions are made to prevent the recurrence of present conditions of recurrence of present conditions of bookkeeping, which are so involved that it is impossible to determine in many instances to what funds the moneys on hand should be appor-tioned, and what disposition has been made of the amount received by the treasurer for account of the State or

"Fourth, That the school funds, county funds and State funds be kept

in separate accounts.
(Signed)
"HENRICO COUNTY SCHOOL

"By John Stewart Bryan."
"I concur in the above recommendations on behalf of the

(Signed)
"HENRICO BOARD OF SUPER-VISORS.

"W. C. Saunders. "January 7, 1907." Among those who went from Richmond are Colonel John Murphy, Murphy's; Messra. P. M. Fry, Jefferson; Mr. E. H. Gilbert's Gilbert's Hotel; S. T. Atkinson, the Richmond; Felix Keegan, of the Lexington, and probably others.

The party left over the Chesapeake and Chio yesterday afternoon. Judgo Scott, on receipt of the above paper, issued a rule to County Treasurer Henry C. Hechler to appear in court on January 17th and show cause, if any there be, why he should not be summarily

removed from office. What Mr. Hechler Says.

Mr. Hechier when seen at his office yesterday afternoon expressed himself as glad to have any proper investigation of the affairs of his office, and expressed the fullest confidence of his entire vindication. He was unable to say at this time who his expressed would be but stated that he counsel would be, but stated that he had already taken legal advice as to presenting his case to the court on the 17th, and feels sure that he will be fully

17th, and feels sure that he will be fully prepared to meet the charge of the grand jury on that date.

Mr. Hechler points to his long service to the county, having been for many years a supervisor, then assistant treasurer under the late Mr. Todd, as an argument why the public should suspend judgment until his side of the case is heard.

"I can account for every dollar that has come in during my administration of the office," he says, "how it is collected and where deposited and how disbursed. I invite anybody to examine the books. Any tax-payer may see his account at any time.

"The auditor for the New York Bonding Company, who furnished my State and county bonds, and who are the parties most interested, and who must lose most most interested, and who must lose most heavily in any fregularity of the funds of the county, spent a week here last fall and expressed himself as entirely satisfied, and suggested no charges as to the methods of bookkeeping. Hon. Paul McRae, member of the House of Delegates from Cumberland and Buckingham counties, is at Murphy's, on his way home from Augusta, Ga., where he spent the holidays with relatives. Mr. McRae declared that he had a fine trip and that he found business booming in the South.

and suggested no conarges as to the methods of bookkeeping.

"I don't lend any money, have retired from all other business than the position of treasurer, don't speculate, don't gamble, and can account for all funds."

Mr. Hechler was appointed treasurer by the secret in March 1906 for the un-Judge Scott in March, 1906, for the un-expired term of the late W. C. Todd. Mr. Hechler had served as first deputy of Mr. Todd since January 1, 1904, and is re-Mr. Todd since January 1, 1994, and is regarded as being thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office. Mr. L. R. Wendenburg, Commonwealth's attorney, declined to express any opinion when seen yesterday afternoon, saying that the matter was one of court record and must come up in due order on the 17th.

Mr. S. P. Waddill, clerk of the Henrico Circuit Court, expressed his sympathy with Mr. Hechler in the position which be grand tury report places him, and

with Mr. Heener in the position which the grand jury report places him, and his hope that the matter would be satis-factorily explained. He had not given sufficient study to the matter, however, to express any opinion on the merits of the cress.

of the case.

From conversation with Mr. Hechler and other officials of the county, it seems that it has been the custom of the treasthat it has been the custom of the treasurer in past years to advance taxes to certain citizens of the county, thus making the five per cent. penalty which is added to tax bills not paid by a certain date. It is known that this was the custom of the office in Mr. Todd's administration, and Mr. Hechier claims that it was done with the full knowledge and consent of the board of supervisors.

A Case in Point.

The board charges the treasurer with the duty of collecting taxes as assessed, and under certain regulations it is a part of his duty to bring legal action for the collection of taxes not paid by a certain time. Mr. Hechler explained the matter by

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continued with the full knowledge of the board of supervisors, if not actually by their instructions. Mr. Hechler continues in charge of the

BISHOP CANDLER NOT SURPRISED

Says Train Hold-Ups May Be Expected When Directors Water

the Stock.

[Special to The Times-Dispaten.]
DANVILLE, VA., January 7.—Bishop
Warren A. Candler, of the Méthodist-Episcopal Church, South, touched on various
political and economic questions in a
sermon delivered here last night. Speaking of a recent railroad hold-up in Virginia, where passengers were made to disgorge at the point of a pistol, he declared
that such offenses are to expected by railroads who water their stocks, swindle the
public and kill and maim the passengers
who ride on their trains, as the result of
carslessness and their greed for gold.
The robbers who held up the train did
not hurt anybod;, but just scared them
a little.

Bishop Candler deplored the publication

of Sunday newspapers and did not see why conditions warranted them in Amer-ica, when there are none in London. MINISTER'S HOUSE BURNS.

His Wife and Children Have Narrow Escape. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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LAHORE, VA., January 7.—While Rev. R. V. Omer was from home attending to his ministerial duties, his dwelling was burned Saturday morning about 2 o'clock. Mrs. Omer, with the three children, under eight years old, barely escaped barefooted from the dwelling. Furniture, clothing, a valuable library, and, in fact, everything, was lost. The building was partially insured.

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John G. Terrill, a farmer near here, is
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John G. Terrill. a farmer near here, is very ill with pneumonia. His condition this morning is favorable.

Buck Vass and E. E. Daniel are also very sick with the same disease.
Some of the farmers got three inches of ice during Christmas.

At this writins the weather is like spring, and plews are running.
Dr. L. M. Cowardin, of Richmond, yisted Mr. L. G. Burnus's home last week.

Miss Fannie Henry, of Monrovia, will attend the Shepherd-Wright marriage at Seventh Street Church, Richmond, next Wednesday.

The majority of the people of this community enter the new year with lively

munity enter the new year with lively and light tread, and the future gives to all promise of reward for labor and in-dustry, such as his not been felt among this people in half a century.

TO HAVE BANOUET.

Doctors to Gather Around Festive Board To-Night.

A meeting of the Richmond Academy of Medicine and Surgery will be held to-night at 8:20 o'clock in the T. P. A. Building. "Dietetics in Infancy and Building

Building. "Dietaties in Infancy and Childhood" will be the subject of a paper by Dr. St. George T. Grinnan, and the paper will be discussed by Dr. McGuiro Newton.

After the business session, the academy will adjourn to the Westmoreland Club for its annual banquet. Tickets for the banquet may be secured from Dr. Bright.

Man Takes Laudanum.

Landrum Wright, of No. 2914 East Leigh Street, took an ounce of laudanum Sun-day night, apparently with the purpose day night, apparently with the purpose of ending his life. Dr. Mason, of the city ambulance corps, saved the man's life after hard work. Wright's excuse for taking the landanum was that he was heavily burdened with debt, and that he thought to relieve himself with death.

Afternoon Tea for Nurses.

Afternoon 1 ca 101 1. The Graduate Nurses' Association of Richmond will be entertained to-morrow from 4 to 5 o'clock by Mrs. James Alli-The secretary of the association begs to announce that all members are cordially invited to be present at the af-ternoon tea, and it is hoped the gathering

To Build in Norfolk.

To Build in Nortolk.

The Electrical Construction Company, of this city, has just closed a contract with the new Hotel Botetourt, of Nortolk, to Install in that proposed hostelry the electric plant necessary to make it an up-to-date establishment. A plant that will furnish the building with electric lights, call bells, fire alarms, etc., will be erected. The Botetourt will be completed in time for the accommodation of the Jamestown centennial crowds.

Schooner Afloat,

The schooner Alice J. Venable, which was sunk some weeks ago at the mouth of the lock gates, and subsequently raised by the city dredge Fulton, is now afloat on the flats opposite the Richmond Cedar Works, where she is undergoing reader. In the accident which going repairs. In the accident which her sinking a large hole was stove in her hull.

will save the dyspeptic from many days of misery, and enable him to eat whatever he wishes. They provent

SICK HEADACHE, cause the food to assimilate and nour-ish the body, give keen appetite,

DEVELOP FLESH

and solid muscle. Elegantly sugar

Take No Substitute.

Peuse.—Korea Dally News. Every Christmas Lord Rothschild gives : brace of phesauts to every omitibus drives and conductor in London, and the drivers display the Rothschild colors on their whips Lust Christmas he gave away 17,000 brace of